

Norfolk Youth Leadership Corps
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Dear mayor and city council,

I am Drew Oswald, president of the Norfolk Youth Leadership Council. Today I am writing you on behalf of the Norfolk Youth Leadership Council and the youth of this community about a great opportunity that is before you. This opportunity I am talking about is the plans for the Norfolk Riverwalk.

The youth council has been actively involved in the planning and development of the Riverwalk and it is of our utmost opinion that this is an opportunity that we cannot let pass by. I am sure many worthy and outstanding organizations are seeking funding as you go through the budget process this year. As a voice for the youth, we ask that you take a harder look at what the Riverwalk has to offer, not only for our present community but for our future generations. It is no secret that the population of rural Nebraska and Norfolk are declining and that the youth of these communities are choosing to live elsewhere. The situation is much worse than what people would like to think. That is the reason we should take action to reverse these trends with a project like the Riverwalk.

The youth of the community desires a place to safely raise their families and have opportunities for quality jobs and a good living. Many of us realize that at the current state there may not be much of a future in Norfolk to come back to. Let us seize this opportunity, not only as a city government but as a community as a whole so that we may provide for our children and our children's children, a bright future in the city of Norfolk. As representatives of the youth of this community, this is all we ask, but we know as well that it will be no small task and will require some sacrifice. If we are to make this work to our betterment it must be done right. It is then that I ask on behalf of the youth of the city of Norfolk that you set aside whatever funds are available to invest in the future of the community as well as of the youth.

As the president of the Norfolk Youth Leadership Council I trust that you will use wise judgment in preparing this following year's budget.

Thank you,

Drew Oswald
President-Norfolk Youth Leadership Council